

Monday May 21, 2018

The day started about 7:00 a.m. with preparation to visit a couple that are members of the congregation here. He had a stroke about one year ago and is paralyzed. His wife is his care taker and she was sick so we had to cancel the visit.

We did a few house keeping things then studied for our upcoming presentations. Valentina came and surprised us with a visit. We had not seen her since our arrival. She is one of the teachers in the ABC School and has been sick lately. We were told she was not able to leave her home but she told us that she had been in the hospital for 10 days. She is scheduled for some laser surgery on her eye later this week. I wish you could meet this wonderful lady. She is a retired English teacher and teaches mostly the older children. You can tell she loves the children but she tolerates no foolishness. She reminds me of several teachers I had in school. It was good to visit with her and then an hour or so later I assisted her with her afternoon class.

Ava and I ventured out for lunch on our own and went to a restaurant that we have been to before but we have always had a native speaker with us. Several of the restaurants we have been to on this trip have had menus in English but not this one. There were no pictures of the dishes either, but above the front counter were some pictures so I got the waitress' attention and pointed to something that looked good. We could not tell from the picture if it was pork chop or chicken. It turned out to be a delicious pork chop and french fries. Sometimes it is, take-a-chance or go-hungry, this time it worked out well.

During the afternoon Ava helped Kate with her ABC class and taught the ladies another lesson on child rearing. All things were finished by 6:00 p.m. so Ava and I went to supper and had a nice walk. We returned to the building at about 8:00 p.m. and both of us just quietly studied until 10:00 p.m.



Main entrance to church building in Kramatorsk



The second entrance steps were in like condition before the repairs.



Workman working on second entrance to the building.

The church here has had this building for about 15 years. For the last ten of those years the second entrance has been blocked off because it was unsafe. They have been saving money all along to get this work done and have finally been able to do so. It took two men working seven days a week for three weeks to complete the repairs. At a total cost of \$702.00 they are proud and happy with the out come of their refurbished entrance. It will soon receive hand rails and a rain cover like the other entrance.